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1. The attached chart and explanatory notes are an effort to put on one paper the numerous contacts and relationships existing within the Rumanian emigre circles having intelligence connections in and around Austria. Undoubtedly errors exist, both in matters of fact and in conclusions drawn. If collated with existing information, however, the compilation may be of some interest. In the paragraphs corresponding to the lines indicated on the chart are details at hand here as to the various connections between known Rumanian emigre intelligence personalities in Austria. Unfortunately, much is vague, much is probably based on rumor, and much is derived from locally expressed opinion. Possibly the only way to clarify this complicated picture would be to spend hours talking to each of the persons concerned. In the end, however, the picture might be rendered even more confusing. At any rate, such information as is available about the lines as numbered on the chart follow.

2. (Line # 1) The contact UJDRIFTER - UJDRUID is based upon their Macedorumanian origin and similar political leanings. UJDRIFTER met UJDRUID in 1929 in Rumania, at which time UJDRUID was already recognized as a leading Macedorumanian nationalist. From 1934 until 1941 UJDRIFTER maintained close liaison with UJDRUID. After the contact was broken by the departure of UJDRUID from Rumania, the two were again reunited in 1945 by Gorg PUIU, a Macedorumanian and mutual friend. It is believed that UJDRIFTER is in permanent correspondence with UJDRUID at present, and he visited UJDRUID in company with USACE in November 1950 in Rome.

It seems likely that this contact is mainly a political one and that any intelligence activity engaged in is chiefly to further political aims. UJDRIFTER, who was allegedly at one time an agent for the Rumanian foreign ministry with the Macedorumanians in Greece, closely watches the activities of all the displaced Rumanians in the Austrian area, and appears to have an extremely wide knowledge of these personalities. The mass of his take, if any, probably goes to UJDRUID, and if UJDRIFTER receives anything in return he has guarded it securely from our inspection. It is believed, however, that UJDRIFTER gets little or nothing from UJDRUID, and is content to work only for the current blessing and possible future emoluments of UJDRUID, whom he considers the leading candidate for political supremacy in Macedorumania, should it ever be liberated.

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3. (Line # 2) UJDRUID - USAGE. This old story has been reported in some detail in MIL-A-5341. Briefly, USAGE claims to have saved the life of UJDRUID during the ANTONESCU purge in Bucharest during November 1940. Since then he has seen UJDRUID in Rome on three different occasions, where their conversations revolved around the activation of Romanian lines. All three meetings concluded without success. UJDRUID claims a reluctance to risk his current active Romanian lines for intelligence purposes (unless, it appears, he is courted more passionately in a financial and political manner). USAGE continues to maintain confidence that UJDRUID can produce, and despite our expressed lack of interest, correspondence continues between the two. UJDRUID has not as yet provided anything of intelligence interest beyond a number of names of his followers.

It is difficult of course to evaluate with any certainty here, but it would appear very likely, after noting on the chart the connections UJDRUID has with various personalities, that he is currently engaged in intelligence operations, despite his denials. Indeed, your WASHP-37255 tends to confirm this. I am inclined to believe that the USAGE - UJDRUID connection may possibly have some future value. At present, of course, it is worth no more than any other exchange of pleasantries by mail.

4. (Line # 3) UJDRUID denies to USAGE any connection with the Italian IS. This is certainly refuted by your WASHP-37255, which indicates his employment. Whether he is directly employed or penetrated through one of his associates, of course, there is no way of knowing here.

5. (Line # 4) RFE - Trieste/TANTARCEANU. Word received by S/A NEAGOE, CIC Salzburg, from whom he considers an unreliable US source, is that our much publicized ex-employee TANTARCEANU arrived with French papers in Trieste during April, and now holds a job with RFE Trieste paying \$400 green monthly. A local RFE contact, however, states that the only authorized employer for RFE Trieste has not yet departed Vienna. This connection must remain doubtful pending clarification. Salzburg CIC states definitely, however, that TANTARCEANU is again in Trieste, with French documentation, and inexplicably, again on the best terms with S/A Pagnotta, CIC Trieste, who only a few months ago deported him to Austria. This last is confirmed by NEAGOE, who has received a letter from TANTARCEANU to the same effect.

6. (Line # 5) UJDRIFTER - Bishop Victor LEU. This strange connection began in the spring of 1950, when UJDRIFTER was introduced to LEU by a Romanian refugee in Strobl, Land Upper Austria. LEU later visited UJDRIFTER several times, lived at UJDRIFTER's house, and in the summer of 1950 nominated UJDRIFTER as "Orthodox Church Representative for the Salzkammergut". During this period LEU admitted he was in contact with the BIS and stated BIS regarded the Macedoromanians very highly. LEU intimated that he had been advised to contact UJDRIFTER and was given directions for locating him by the BIS. It would therefore seem logical to assume that LEU's mission in this part of the world was to act as a liaison for the British.

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on "our much publicized ex-employee". Given his RFE employment, it is not evident his ultimate

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Events following the UJDRIFTER/LEU conversation make it very difficult to say with any certainty whether LEU did in fact succeed in reaching some sort of agreement with UJDRIFTER. This is denied, of course, by UJDRIFTER who has given us certain background data on LEU, some of which is not complimentary. (MGL-4-7266). He further attributes certain statements to LEU which purport to indicate LEU's dissatisfaction with FIS. On the other hand, as mentioned above, LEU did nominate UJDRIFTER as Orthodox representative (in fact nothing more than a title), and UJDRIFTER provided LEU with the address of UJDRUID. Inasmuch as UJDRIFTER had always heretofore been very reluctant to disclose UJDRUID's address to us, this could have some significance.

While there has been no recent evidence (for a six-month period) of a continuing connection between UJDRIFTER/LEU, it is not unreasonable to suppose that such still exists. The position of UJDRIFTER with the FIS has been increasingly precarious since the collapse of the UJDRUID proposals, and for financial security alone, it is logical that UJDRIFTER will attempt to maintain as many alternate connections as possible.

7. (Line # 6) LEU - UJDRUID. As described in para. 6, LEU requested and was given UJDRUID's address by UJDRIFTER. LEU gave the impression that he desired to contact UJDRUID in the interests of FIS. In October 1950, however, LEU was unable to obtain an Italian visa for his visit to UJDRIFTER, so it is not known whether he made contact or not. It cannot be determined whether UJDRUID was ever personally known to LEU, but LEU does have at least a superficial knowledge of UJDRUID's activities. UJDRUID has reported through UJDRIFTER (para. 3, MGL-4-5341) that he has been approached by the BIR, and it may well be that LEU acted as intermediary. Again, the positive existence of this connection and significance, if any, is unknown.

8. (Line # 7) CIRAN - UJDRUID. CIRAN was reported in Para. 5, MGL-4-5341 to have met UJDRUID in Rome during November 1950, at which time the collaboration of UJDRUID was requested. CIRAN is assumed to have been representing the FIS, General PETRESCU, or both. The meeting was arranged by Nicolae TANASSE whose relations with UJDRUID are discussed in para. 9. CIRAN claimed to be working in the interests of General PETRESCU, and reportedly had letters to UJDRUID from both King MIHAEL and General PETRESCU. UJDRUID allegedly refused collaboration. It would not be at all surprising, however, if an active connection does exist UJDRUID - CIRAN - FIS and/or UJDRUID - CIRAN - PETRESCU. A rumor circulating through UJDRIFTER has it that the FIS arranged for the Catholic training in France of a small number of UJDRUID's younger followers.

9. (Line # 8) TANASSE - UJDRUID. Nicolae TANASSE (Dr. TURNER & TAN(D) LEY & Dr. TURNER & SCHAFFNER) is an military commander of the Iron Guard and followed the UJDRUID segment after the split with SINA at Rostok and Buchenwald. In 1945 TANASSE joined a Redarmee intelligence group and acted as the group liaison officer to the FIS. In 1948, TANASSE accompanied by Capt. RONDELL of the FIS, visited UJDRUID in Rome. According to UJDRUID, their efforts to persuade him to collaborate were unsuccessful. TANASSE, at least until very recently, remains in correspondence with UJDRUID.

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10. (Line # 9) TANTARCEANU - OPRAN. In March 1950, TANTARCEANU, after having been expelled from Trieste by CIC, and being dissatisfied with JV A, accompanied TANASSE to Innsbruck, where he was introduced to OPRAN. He stated at the time that he was finished with AIS. On the way to Innsbruck, both TANTARCEANU and TANASSE were arrested by the Austrian police on unknown charges, and were immediately released upon intervention of the French. TANTARCEANU is now very likely active for OPRAN, and through him probably both FIS and Gen. PETRESCU.

11. (Line # 10) TANTARCEANU - BOGDAN. TANTARCEANU was acquainted with BOGDAN in Rumania prior to BOGDAN's flight in 1947. TANTARCEANU later fled Rumania and secured employment with CIC Trieste, keeping in contact with BOGDAN by mail and intermittent trips to Salzburg. After TANTARCEANU's expulsion from Trieste in the fall of 1950, he lived with and was supported by BOGDAN (funds from GV A). There is little doubt that both BOGDAN and TANTARCEANU will continue to exchange information, but if our experience with the two is a criterion, it will be of little value.

12. (Line # 11) TANTARCEANU - TANASSE. These two were introduced by BOGDAN. Looking at Line # 2h, it is probable that TANASSE is trying to sell at least some of TANTARCEANU's proposals (MIL-A-6906) to S/A Ringer.

13. (Line # 2f) BOGDAN - RINGER. BOGDAN introduced himself to S/A Ringer in January 1951 after Ringer took over most of the Rumanian section of Salzburg CIC from S/A Nedrow. Since then he has talked freely to Ringer (MIL-A-5996). It is conceivable that Ringer may employ BOGDAN at least casually now that BOGDAN has been dropped along with GV A. Ringer has been informed that BOGDAN is generally worthless as an agent.

14. (Line # 13) OPRAN - King MIHAEL. Here is another vague and not very significant connection. Its assumption is based on OPRAN's visit to MIHAEL in November 1950, bearing with him a letter from MIHAEL. The letter could have been passed directly or through General PETRESCU.

15. (Line # 14) OPRAN - General RADULESCU. OPRAN no longer has close ties with General PETRESCU. RADULESCU's closest personal ties, according to local Rumanian circles, are primarily to SIS through Captain ILIESCU, whereas the sympathies of General PETRESCU lie with the U.S., stemming from the period of General PETRESCU's service as MA in Washington.

16. (Line # 15) OPRAN - General PETRESCU. OPRAN was known to PETRESCU in Rumania prior to WW II, when OPRAN ran an aviation school. OPRAN is believed now to be PETRESCU's executive on the Paris Rumanian Committee. OPRAN is also one of the top-ranking members of the Rumanian officer's league, which includes Colonel MURESANU, General CHIRIACU and Major ILIESCU. This group works covertly as a UNIT for General PETRESCU. The individual members have ties to a number of Western intelligence services.

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17. (Line # 16) BOGDAN - LEU. LEU informed UJDREDID that he first contacted BOGDAN through TANTARCEANU. In the autumn of 1948 LEU paid BOGDAN a sum of several hundred dollars to smuggle LEU's daughter out of Rumania. The attempt failed and the sum involved is still a matter of dispute between LEU and BOGDAN. LEU recently denounced BOGDAN to the MA Ankara. (MGI-A-7266).

18. (Line # 17) AUNER - TANTARCEANU. This introduction was effected by BOGDAN after TANTARCEANU's flight from Rumania. Whether the connection will continue now that AUNER has been dropped from GV A is unpredictable. Should AUNER take up a connection with the FIS (if indeed such a connection does not already exist) there is a good likelihood that both the TANTARCEANU and BOGDAN contacts will be maintained.

19. (Line # 18) TANTARCEANU - Ringer. Again the introduction was by BOGDAN, and Ringer was offered but did not accept a proposal for a penetration of Rumania. Since that time (see Line # 2h) TAMASSE has offered Ringer a similar proposal, of which it is believed at least a part originates with TANTARCEANU.

20. (Line # 19) AUNER - Captain EICNEDL. AUNER met Captain EICNEDL of the FIS at Vomperberg, Tyrol, in 1947, when he visited the wife of his old friend/Lt. Col. Werner GOETTSCH, who was then under arrest at Dachau. Conveniently enough, Mrs. GOETTSCH was at the time the mistress of EICNEDL and living in a house EICNEDL had requisitioned. AUNER is alleged to have met EICNEDL at Vomperberg on several occasions and was given VIP treatment. There have been no definite indications that any intelligence collaboration was entered into, or even discussed. The likelihood, however, is very much present.

21. (Line # 20) BOGDAN - AUNER. BOGDAN was introduced to MALLER by the well-known Hannes WIGGNER, who had succeeded in getting BOGDAN out of Rumania. MALLER turned the handing of BOGDAN over to AUNER. The rest is contained in the many M-1's reporting the actions of BOGDAN. No further details of the HANNES-BOGDAN connection are known, but in view of the complications and security aspect of the HANNES case and because HANNES recommended BOGDAN to GV A, it would be of interest to know more about their previous relationships.

22. (Line # 12) OPRAH - EICNEDL. TAMASSE is believed to have put EICNEDL of the FIS in contact with OPRAH. While this connection is not confirmed, it is at least credible, and would seem to tie the FIS in with any number of Rumanian personalities in Austria. TAMASSE, who actually lives, or lived until recently, in the same house with Captain EICNEDL in Innsbruck, put both OPRAH and EICNEDL in contact with WIGGNER, although at different times. TAMASSE is well known both as an FIS collaborator and a PETRESCU sympathizer. It appears logical that the PETRESCU-RADESCU exile group, a large segment of which resides in France would have to establish close ties to the FIS in order to maintain their unimpeded existence. To utilize a line PETRESCU - OPRAH - EICNEDL would provide at least one inobtrusive and reasonably high-level channel for reporting. It is concluded, based, inevitably, on incomplete information, that OPRAH has access to virtually all information gathered by Rumanians on the attached chart, and that a substantial share of this is passed on to the FIS, either through EICNEDL, or through some other member of the Paris Rumanian Committee.

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23. (Lines # 22 & 23) LEU - RADESCU/PETRESCU. LEU was a boy-scout organizer in Pessarabia from 1924 until 1939. He applied to "UFM", former leader of the Iron Guard, for membership but was denied membership... the Iron Guard because CODRINU allegedly did not trust him. During the war, LEU was an army priest with the rank of colonel, and in this capacity met both PETRESCU and RADESCU. He is said to have contacted both since the end of the war, and it is likely that LEU, due to his very extensive travels and contacts, has access to a certain amount of information which he passes to PETRESCU/RADESCU and the BIS.

24. (Line # 24) TANASSE - Ringer. TANASSE approached Ringer in early May with an offer which seemingly incorporated certain proposals of TANTAREANU and BOGDAN. TANASSE states, incredibly, that he has severed FIS connections. This is discussed at length in HGL-A-6096.

25. (Line # 25) LEU - BIS. While it may be that LEU maintains an ideological affinity towards and passes information to PETRESCU, there is little doubt that he is now actively employed by the BIS and was probably a British agent during WW II. It is alleged that LEU usually elected to serve with front-line troops despite availability of assignments in Romania, and usually made it a point to be present during German/Romanian negotiations. When LEU fled Bucharest via Belgrade he was jailed and released upon the intervention of Patriarch GAURIL of Serbia, also an alleged BIS agent. Upon arrival at Graz, LEU was sent to England where he received documentation. When in Austria, LEU contacted a certain Mr. ATKINSON, British subject suspected of being a BIS personality.

26. (Line # 26) AUNER - MALLNER. AUNER was introduced to MALLNER in the spring of 1947 immediately after AUNER's release from Camp Marcus Ott, by Graf Karl MERAN (ex-ZIPPER and ex-USAOE employee). Despite the enforced severance of AUNER and his group from ZIPPER, contact will probably be maintained between AUNER and MALLNER or some other ZIPPIRite. The development will be interesting to observe.

27. (Line # 27) General GHEORGHE - UTILITY. This is a nebulous connection, and is based only on rumors of Salzburg Polesians that General GHEORGHE maintains contact with and passes information to UTILITY on a reciprocal basis. Our files contain no traces which would indicate any UTILITY ties to General GHEORGHE. A casual contact, however, is not at all incredible.

28. (Line # 28) TANASSE - Captain BLONDELL. See para. 9 above. As recently as autumn 1950 TANASSE lived in Innsbruck in the same house occupied by BLONDELL, and acted as one of BLONDELL's chief agents. Since TANASSE approached S/A Ringer claiming to have severed ties to the FIS, this connection may no longer be active. This alleged defection from the FIS is regarded with a good deal of suspicion. (HGL-A-6096).

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29. (Line # 29) BOGDAN - TANDA. TANDA is the self-confessed Rumanian agent Princess Alexandra CARALEA, now almost certainly an FIS operative. BOGDAN has been on intimate terms with TANDA for two years, and the association continues. TANDA's mission for the French seems to be to observe AIS activities, and she probably uses BOGDAN to assist her.

30. (Line # 30) TANDA - TANASSE. After confessing to the CIC that she had agreed to work for the Rumanian IS, TANDA was turned over to the French authorities in Innsbruck. As mentioned above, it is considered likely that FIS uses her to penetrate other Western intelligence services through the numerous Rumanians with whom she is acquainted. Tending to confirm her FIS employment, TANDA accompanied by TANASSE, met ~~Ex-Adm~~ Hermine JOSWIC, former secretary to ~~Erich~~ KERNWALD at TANDA's Salzburg apartment and offered JOSWIC 2000 AS monthly to collaborate on an unknown assignment. As far as can be determined, JOSWIC did not accept the offer.

31. (Line # 31) TANDA - AUNER. In mid-May 1951 it was reported to S/A Ringer by indigenous CIC informant Nicolas LAZAROVICH that AUNER was being dropped by CV A. TANDA told LAZAROVICH that AUNER had approached her with a request to offer his services to SHAPE. What channels this offer was to go through are unclear, but presumably through General P. TESCU. TANDA did indicate to LAZAROVICH that she intended to comply. In this connection, LAZAROVICH, on 17 May 1951, approached Captain, F. Jones of BOGATYRN in Salzburg and informed him that TANDA was bragging she had TIE (cover for CV A) penetrated through one of AUNER's top employees.

32. The above report probably only scratches the surface of the complex Rumanian emigre ties in the Austrian area. It may easily have acquired new facets by the time this is received. The pending emigration of TANASSE, for example, and the severance of AUNER, will necessitate adjustments and precipitate new connections. Every effort will be made to maintain at least casual windows into this picture, and although our interest is peripheral, if desired new developments will be reported when received.

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